[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(2) Copies of the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee, Trivandrum, have already been supplied to the members of the Council.

Examiners for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

178. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that the majority of examiners for the E. S. L. C. examination are selected from the collegiate staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The majority of the Chief Examiners are members of the college staff while the majority of the Assistant Examiners are selected from the English schools.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the E. S. L. C. Examination is not only a test to see whether pupils are fit for admission to the colleges, but also it is a test to see whether they are fit for Government employment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the member's question.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that the E. S. L. C. Examination is intended not only as a test to see whether the pupils are qualified to enter the colleges, but also to see whether they are fit to enter the public service as well?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly a test, but it only enables the Government to admit persons into the public service. It is a fact that it is a qualification prescribed for appointments in the public service.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): In that case, do not the Government think it fair to appoint half the number of examiners at least from High School teachers who are really giving them instruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That matter will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for his opinion.

Statement, by castes, of Sub-Registrars and Clerks in the Registration Department.

179. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of Sub-Registrars and clerks in the Registration Department arranged according to their castes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

Transfer of Police Officers.

180. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased o consider the desirability of transferring police officers when they have vorked for two years in a station?

*Vide Appendix III—page 750.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No hard and fast rule can be observed in regard to the transfer of police officers.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Do not the Government think that long familiarity with the people of a locality will render the work of the Police Inspector difficult?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is purely a matter of opinion. It might, on the other hand, be quite an advantage to be familiar with the people of the locality. It depends upon a variety of circumstances.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether it would not interfere with the work in this way, that is, he may form some sort of relationship with the people of the place which will interfere with his disinterested work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If such a case happens, the Police Commissioner will transfer the man. What the answer says is that we cannot lay any hard and fast rule on the subject.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether it would not be desirable to transfer these officers from a place where they have been for over two or three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No hard and fast rule can be laid down. Ordinarily, men are not kept long in one place. If they have been sufficiently long at a place and their presence is found to be objectionable, they are transferred.

Remuneration to the Superintendents of the E. S. L. C. and other Examinations.

181. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the rates of remuneration allowed to the Assistant Superintendents for work in connection with the E. S. L. C., V. S. L. C., and the Vernacular Higher examinations of the State are uniform;

(*b*) if not, how it varies in regard to each;

(*c*) whether at any time there was a uniformity in the rates;

(*d*) if so, when and under whose orders the change was brought about and on what principle; and

(*e*) whether any such variation is observed in the case of the Chief Superintendents as well, who happen to be men of different grades and salaries?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. The rates are, however, substantially identical.

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